

York (SUNY) Cortland Men's Cross Country Team, which won its first ever national title on November 22. During the NCAA Division III Championships at Hanover College in Hanover, Indiana, the Cortland Red Dragons beat 31 competitors with a score of 80 points. The team solidly outpaced the second and third place finishers who scored 115 and 129 points, respectively, and improved on their previous finishes of fourth in 2006 and third in 2007 to win this year's title.

Four of the team's runners earned All-America honors by finishing in the top 35 competitors over the 8,000-meter course. Junior Seth DuBois finished seventh; senior Shamus Nally, 11th; senior Josh Henry, 15th; and junior Justin Wager, 28th.

The team was led by first year head coach Steve Patrick and assistant coaches Kathryn Wagner and Jacob Smith. Coach Patrick was named the 2008 Division III Men's Cross Country National Coach of the Year by the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA).

Overall, the win marks SUNY Cortland's 22nd national team title, including 16 NCAA crowns in seven different sports.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to represent such skilled and hard-working athletes in my district. Please join me in congratulating the team and wishing them the best of luck in their future athletic and scholarly pursuits.

A TRIBUTE TO EBONE E.
MCINTOSH

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Ebone E. McIntosh. In 2004, Ms. McIntosh was appointed Vice President of Administration at the Interfaith Medical Center in Brooklyn. She was administratively responsible for the Departments of Ambulatory Care, Community Relations, and the hospital's Private Practice initiative. During her first two years, Ms. McIntosh worked tirelessly to improve the community's perception of Interfaith Medical Center by working with Community Board members, clergy, and primary care physicians in the immediate catchment. The hospital expanded its community outreach efforts through its participation in community health fairs, treatment adherence initiatives, and patient education. The hospital also became actively involved in HIV/AIDS programs, Adult and Pediatric Sickle Cell grants, and Breast Cancer awareness through the Susan G. Komen Foundation and Killough Trust.

Ms. McIntosh, in early 2007, assumed more operational responsibilities at the hospital, taking on hospital support services including Security, Food and Nutrition, Patient Relations, and Construction Management. Within months, a new hospitality-driven model of guest relations was in place, including daily newspaper delivery, the provision of amenities kits, and personal choice dining; accommodations many of the patients at IMC had never experienced. Given the medically underserved population and the reliance on the Emergency Department for the primary care needs of the hospital's core population, Ms. McIntosh soon

assumed control of the Department of Emergency Services. Under her leadership, the EMS turn around time, patient satisfaction, and overall patient flow significantly improved.

Ms. McIntosh, prior to joining Interfaith, was the Senior Administrator for the Departments of Neurology, OB/GYN, and Pediatrics at the Columbia University Harlem Hospital Center. She was active in the application and approval process for their designated stroke center, was the Grants Coordinator for the Institutional Review Board, and has served briefly as the Residency Coordinator in Diagnostic Radiology.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Ms. Ebone E. McIntosh for her extraordinary accomplishments in improving health care at the Interfaith Medical Center and across New York City.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Ms. Ebone E. McIntosh.

HONORING DR. THOMAS
FRIEDRICH GEORGE

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of our Missouri University Chancellors. Several weeks ago, Dr. Thomas Friedrich George was honored by the University of Szeged in Hungary. Chancellor George was awarded the honorary title Doctor Honoris Causa by the University of Szeged in recognition of his outstanding and cooperative scientific work that has been carried out in support of the University of Szeged over many years.

While serving as Chancellor at the University of Missouri—St. Louis, Chancellor George also serves as a professor of chemistry and physics and researcher in chemical, materials and laser physics at the University.

This recognition of Chancellor George is not only a significant personal achievement; it is also an honor for the University of Missouri System and the St. Louis region.

I am pleased to be able to honor Chancellor George today. He is a shining example of the great leadership we have in Missouri and I know all of my colleagues join me in congratulating him on this distinguished honor.

HONORING OAKHURST CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Oakhurst Chamber of Commerce upon the celebration of their 50th Anniversary. The anniversary will be celebrated at the Annual Installation Diner and Dance to be held on December 5, 2008 at the Pines Resort in Bass Lake, California.

Over the past fifty years, the Oakhurst Chamber of Commerce has been committed to it Mission Statement "To promote and support the economic vitality while honoring and

preserving the unique lifestyles of our Mountain Communities." The Oakhurst Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with its Board of Directors, the Eastern Madera County Chamber of Commerce Foundation and the many committees that have been established over the years, has been responsible for the completion of many community projects and achievements. These accomplishments have revolved around promoting business and tourism, community development, government issues and education.

For fifty years the Chamber has worked diligently to promote the businesses, large and small, in Eastern Madera County. Today, it has over four hundred members. The Chamber has developed member to member programs, networking and "shop locally" campaigns to strengthen, nurture and build the local businesses. It has been a strong advocate for the New Downtown Project that is envisioned to be a pedestrian friendly area for visitors and locals and will include a visitors center, shopping, entertainment and dining. To keep the community and visitors apprised of what is going on in Eastern Madera County, the Chamber maintains an up to the minute, interactive website. It also provides visitors with a directory of local businesses and is responsible for creating the official regional street map for Eastern Madera County. The Chamber plays a vital role in welcoming visitors and recruiting new businesses to the area. Often, the Chamber serves as a first impression for the entire community. It has worked to make this impression warm, welcoming and professional. By providing these services, the Oakhurst Chamber of Commerce has created events that have drawn thousands of visitors to the area. The events that it promotes include the Oakhurst Peddlers Fair, the Fall Festival, the Automotive Film Festival, and the Wood Carvers Rendezvous.

The Chamber hosts annual planning conferences with local business leaders and government officials to maintain a sense of cohesion and to discuss key economic indicators and to define the needs of the community. These conferences help all of the members work together toward a common goal that will help shape the community. In the past these goals have included working with various levels of government or providing various community projects. The Education, Beautification, Economic Development, and Tourism Committees have worked together to create better programs and services for the entire community; including a community park with the formation of non profit to run it. The Emergency Preparedness Committee has created and implemented emergency plans for fire, water and power outages, natural disasters and chemical hazards. Working with county and state officials on the infrastructure of the area, the Chamber has played an integral part in water, sewer and other detail area plans. The Chamber's work provided a new sewer plant for Oakhurst, in obtaining a one million dollar grant for the continued development of a water source in the area and a four million dollar loan through the California Public Utilities Commission for Hillview Water. The Chamber and the Foundation has funded and built over one million dollars worth of sidewalks on Highway 41 in Oakhurst. It has also endorsed and raised support for the "Action to Incorporate Oakhurst Now" and has provided education to the community about the benefits of incorporating the area.